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Sir:

This is a reply to the Office Action mailed on July 1, 2002. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Claims

Please amend claims 1, 7-8, 12, 15, and 17-18. A marked up version of the amended claims is attached to this Amendment.

1. (Amended) A broadband communication system of the type utilizing xDSL packet-based technologies, the system comprising:

- an upstream xDSL modem;
- a twisted pair connected to the upstream xDSL modem;
- a plurality of taps defined along the twisted pair;
- a plurality of downstream xDSL modems, each downstream xDSL modem being

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